

### **Specification Amendments**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The DIM maintains the current view of the network device, keeping track of the capabilities and resources of other control points in the network element and the Control Plane Protocol Modules (CPPMs) running on each of them. A CPPM is a protocol implementation that executes a single function or the complete functionality of a protocol in accordance with a standard, such as an industry standard or an Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) request for comments (RFC). Multiple CPPMs work in conjunction to provide a complete implementation of the protocol. The functionality may be split into a core functionality, more than likely executed by the control plane, referred to as a Controller CPPM, and a portion separated from the core functionality, referred to as a Worker CPPM.